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#### MR. JAMES'S CONVENTION.

The call issued by Mr. W. A. James, of Bishopville, for a State convention of the members of what he denominated the Reform faction, to be held in Columbia October 18th, has been the cause of considerable surprise and speculation as to the purpose of the proposed convention. Some have arrived at the conclusion that the convention is the preliminary step toward a bolt from the regular Democratic organization and for opposition to the nominees of the party, leading logically to a coalition with the Republican party and an appeal to the negro vote. Others are more charitable and are of the opinion that the proposed convention is nothing more serious than an exhibition of disappointment and soreheadedness that will result in nothing but talk and perhaps an effort to perfect a stronger Alabama organization by fanning partisan feeling and bitterness. But surprise and speculation lead to nothing and no one, save those in the confidence of Mr. James and his associates, knows what are his aims or what he hopes to accomplish by his proposed, so-called "Reform" convention.

However, the fact that Mr. James is sponsor for the proposed convention, has revived recollections among the older men of Sumter and Lee counties of an occurrence incident to the State Convention of 1890, at which time Mr. James bolted and not only refused to support the regular ticket, but was a candidate on a mixed white and negro ticket. As we recollect the circumstances, Mr. James and some other irreconcilable Reformers bolted what was known as the "Peace and Harmony" convention, composed of both Straightouts and Reformers, and refused to support the ticket nominated by this convention for delegates to the constitutional convention. The ticket named was as follows: Judge T. B. Fraser, R. D. Lee, J. H. Scarborough, Straightouts, and Shepherd Nash, R. P. Stuckhouse and Geo. P. McKagen, Reformers. The convention nominating this ticket was held as the result of the desire of a majority of the members of both factions to put an end to the factional strife and bitterness that had raged in Sumter county without cessation from 1890 up to that time.

The Straightout faction was in the majority in Sumter county and there was every reason to believe that a full Straightout delegation to the Constitutional Convention could be elected, but it being the wish of conservative men of both factions to allay the bitterness that had divided the county for five years, an agreement was made to hold a "peace and harmony" convention, and to nominate a combination ticket, each faction to have three representatives. The convention was held and the plan was carried out, but not without opposition and a prolonged wrangle in the convention. Mr. James was one of those who stood out against the peace and harmony program and he and others refused to abide by the action of the convention. Later a caucus of the opponents of political peace and harmony in Sumter county was held and a ticket was put out in opposition to the nominees of the convention. A little later it leaked out that a trade had been framed up with the negroes and a mixed ticket agreed upon. This ticket was as follows: W. A. James, of Bishopville; James E. DuPre, of Pisgah; D. E. Keels of Lynchburg, and Peter Thomas, of Atkins, whites, and W. T. Andrews, of Sumter, and R. H. Riddison, of Wedgefield, negroes. This ticket was run in the election for delegates to Constitutional Convention, but was defeated, the ticket headed by the late Judge T. B. Fraser, father of Associate Justice T. B. Fraser, being elected by a substantial majority.

All this happened twenty-one years ago, and, writing from recollection, it is difficult to give all the details of the occurrence, but the outlines above given are substantially complete and correct.

Those whose recollections go back to 1895 are wondering, in view of

Mr. James' action at that time, whether or not he will undertake once again to make a trade with the negroes and put out a mixed ticket in opposition to the regular nominees of the Democratic party. Personally Mr. James is an estimable citizen and a man who is generally liked and respected, but politically he is subject to unaccountable vagaries. There is no predicting what he may do or, at least, try to do, in a political way.

A man without a registration certificate is not a citizen in the full meaning of the term. He is like a soldier without a gun. Can you vote in the general election?

The Republican party is more active in South Carolina now than it has been in years, and there are whispers and rumors of a bolt by disloyal Democrats, hence it behooves every Democrat who has respect for the oath he took in the primary to support the nominees of the party to make sure that he has a registration certificate and is qualified to vote in the general election. Every vote may be needed.

#### From Faraway Korea.

Rev. L. O. McCutchen, missionary of the Southern Presbyterian church to Korea, who is out on a visit to relatives, preached at the morning service in the Presbyterian church here last Sunday. At the union service that night he gave a succinct and highly interesting account of his work in Korea. It was truly gratifying and pleasing to the large congregation to hear of the wonderful success of the missionary work among those people. He went out there in 1902. The first three years was devoted to studying the language and becoming acquainted with the habits and customs of the people. His field covered a territory of a quarter of a million of people, wherein a protestant missionary had never set foot till then. He found the people hospitable in their way, but very suspicious of foreigners. He went among them talking and distributing literature for five years before he saw any visible signs of his work doing good. Now he says there are more than two thousand members, several churches established, as well as schools and he is assisted in his work by many of the most intelligent Koreans and the work is flourishing beyond expectation. — Bishopville Leader and Vindicator.

When the chest feels sore and the throat burns, you have indigestion, and you need Herbine to get rid of the disagreeable feeling. It drives out badly digested food, strengthens the stomach and purifies the bowels. Price 50c. Sold by Sibert's Drug Store. — Advt.

Thompson Falls, Montana, Sept. 29. —A. C. Thomas, a prominent Republican, was shot and seriously wounded today by Edith Colby, a newspaper writer. She says Thomas insulted her and then refused to apologize. The girl fired four times, two bullets taking effect.

Tickling in the throat, hoarseness, loss of voice, indicate the need of Ballard's Horehound Syrup. It eases the lungs, quiets the cough and restores health in the bronchial tubes. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Sibert's Drug Store. — Advt.

Boston, Sept. 29.—Frank Marshall, a wealthy restauranter, died following a mysterious shooting affray in a taxicab. His relatives are reticent on the subject.

Neuralgia of the face, shoulder, hands, or feet requires a powerful remedy that will penetrate the flesh. Ballard's Snow Liniment possesses that power. Rubbed in where the pain is felt is all that is necessary to relieve suffering and restore normal conditions. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Sibert's Drug Store. — Advt.

Amsterdam, September 29.—The Deutschland is reported to be ready for a second voyage to America.

A child can't get strong and robust while intestinal worms eat away its vitality. To give the child a chance to grow these parasites must be destroyed and expelled. White's Cream Vermifuge is guaranteed to remove the worms; it also puts the vital organs in healthy, vigorous condition. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by Sibert's Drug Store. — Advt.

London, Sept. 29.—The allies have scored important gains on the Somme front. A great movement to encircle Bauphaume, one of the allies' three main objectives has been launched.

**LIBERAL REWARD**—To finder for return of small engraved gold watch, hunting case, lost Sunday, October 1st, near Pocalla Springs. Watch has fob attached, in gold and enamel, the reverse of chain bearing engraved "Hundred Thousand Dollar Club" and name C. H. Wilson. Notify C. H. Wilson or Folsom's Jewelry Store.

**NOTICE**—Owing to advance in steel, on and after October 1st we will be forced to charge \$1.00 for full set shoes; 50c for 1-2 set. Signed, J. J. Whilden, J. E. Stoudemire.

#### UNIONS REFUSE TO JOIN.

New York, Sept. 29.—A stunning blow was dealt the strike leaders by the building trades and teamsters unions refusing to join the general strike. Action was deferred for one week by the builders and teamsters, comprising a hundred and twenty thousand. Police Commissioner Woods said the labor situation was less menacing than at any time since the carmen struck. The laborites are disappointed. Violence is decreasing and fewer arrests are being made.

#### Baby Burned Fatally.

The seven months old infant of Mr. and Mrs. Clint Darby, of Belton, was fatally burned by an explosion of gasoline at their home in Belton Monday afternoon, and died Tuesday morning. Mrs. Darby was ironing and used gasoline to heat the irons. The gasoline was kept in a tank, and it is not exactly known how the explosion came about, but the blazing fluid covered the baby, and it was fatally burned. Mrs. Darby was also badly burned while trying to save her baby. The child will be buried at Silver Brook cemetery this city, Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. — Anderson Mail.

#### Support The Nominee.

Yorkville Enquirer.  
We are reproducing the call of John Gary Evans to the Democratic voters of South Carolina. What intimation he has had of a probable bolt from the party we do not know as we have heard nothing of the kind. We do not hesitate, however, to join Mr. Evans in the recommendation that all Democrats who are not already registered, should provide themselves with registration certificates, and not only that, every Democrat should go to the polls in November and vote for the nominees of the party.

#### Praise for Sumter Woman.

Manning Herald.  
Perhaps we don't properly appreciate the splendid work of Miss Katharine Richardson and the contribution she is making of herself to the betterment of conditions in our county. In our judgment the community fairly she has inspired throughout this county tell the story of quiet, persistent, invincible pluck and unwearied study of details. In this giving impulse to us to diversify our production and broaden our interests Miss Richardson does a service to Clarendon which only the increase of the years can fully reveal.

## To The Farmers of Sumter And Adjoining Counties

If you have confidence in the market, and wish to hold your cotton for higher prices, we are in a position to make you an attractive rate of interest secured by warehouse receipt.

## The First National Bank

#### Notice of Teachers' Examination.

The regular fall examination for all persons desiring certificates to teach will be held in the Court House at Sumter Friday, October 6th, beginning at 9 o'clock.

The questions will be taken from the text books taught in the public schools of the State.

J. H. HAYNSWORTH,  
County Superintendent of Education.

All you who have torpid liver, weak digestion or constipated bowels look out for chills. The season is here and the air is full of the disease germs. The best thing to do is to get your liver in good condition and purify the stomach and bowels. Herbine is the right remedy. It answers the purpose completely. Price 50c. Sold by Sibert's Drug Store. — Advt.

Mr. A. K. Sanders, of Hagood, was a visitor to the city today.

#### MEXICANS CROSS BORDER.

Washington, Sept. 29.—Gen. Bell today reported to the war department that he had demanded of Carranza officials at Juarez that Mexican soldiers be kept off of American soil. This action was prompted by thirty Mexicans crossing the Rio Grande Wednesday. They fled at the approach of American soldiers.

London, Oct. 2.—The Russians are renewing their Galician drive and are once more thrusting in the direction of Lemberg. Petrograd dispatches admit that Roumanians operating south of Hermannstadt have been compelled to retreat. Five thousand prisoners have already been taken by the Russians in the early stages of the fighting.

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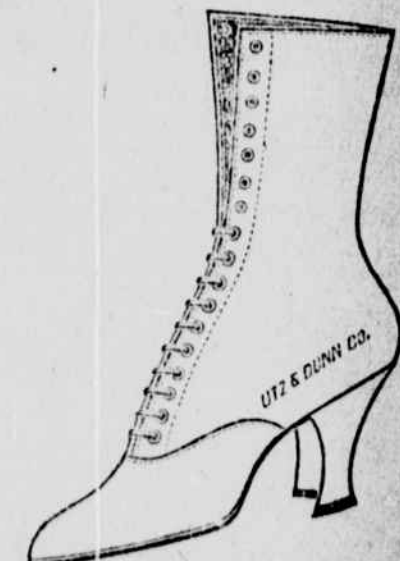
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REDFERN \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00 and up.  
WARNER'S \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$3.00 and up.

## McCOLLUM BROTHERS

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